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SUBJ: BIO DATA ON NEW PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2823

1. BORN IN QUEZALTEPEQUE, EL SALVADOR ON APRIL 3, 1914, DR. JOSE LEANDRO ECHEVERRIA RECEIVED HIS PREPARATORY AND LEGAL EDUCATION IN EL SALVADOR. AMONG THE GOVERNMENT POSITIONS HE HAS HELD ARE: JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OF SAN SALVADOR; LEGAL ASSISTANT IN MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE; MEMBER OF THE EL SALVADORAN DELEGATION TO THE FIFTH CONGRESS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF JURISTS (1965); ELECTED THIRD PRESIDENTIAL DESIGNATE (THIRD IN LINE OF SUCCESSION TO PRESIDENCY AFTER THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE

ASSEMBLY IN MAY 1968; AND MEMBER OF EL SALVADOR HONDURAS WORKING GROUP LN1970.

2. AS A LAWYER IN PRIVATE PRACTICE, ECHEVERRIA HAS SPECIALIZED IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS, COLLECTIONS, COPX GOHTSF# TRADEMARKS AND PATENTS. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE LEGAL STAFF OF INTERNATIONAL RAILWAYS OF CENTRAL AMERICA, COUNSEL FOR PAN AMERICAIRWAYS AND SEARS ROEBUCK IN EL SALVADOR. ECHEVERRIA HAS ALSO BEEN A DIRECTOR OF THE BANCO HIPTECARIO AND PRESIDENT
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OF THE LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION OF EL SALVADOR (ONE OF FOUR RECOGNIZED BAR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE COUNTRY). HE REPORTEDLY OWNS SEVERAL COFFEE "FINCAS" AND HAS RECENTLY ACTED AS CHIEF COUNSEL FOR THE SALVADORAN COFFEE COMPANY.

3. A LONG-TIME SUPPORTER OF THE NATIONAL CONCILIATION PARTY (PCN), ECHEVEHG

IA WAS AN EARLY SUPPORTER OF THE
CANDIDACY OF FORMER PRESIDENT FIDEL SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ
(1967-1972). AS A CONSERVATIVE, RELATIVELY AFFLUENT
LAWYER, ECHEVERRIA REPORTEDLY RECEIVED STRONG SUPPORT
FOR HIS CANDIDACY AS PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY FROM THE BASICALLY CONSERVATIVE PCN DEPUTIES.
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